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FOR EA/ANZ, EA/PIA, AND EA - DAS COLBERT
EO 11652: N/A
TAGS: AMGT, NZ, TN, WS
SUBJECT: WELCOME ABOARD

1. THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TEAM JOINS WITH ME IN WELCOMING ABOARD THE NEW COUNTRY DIRECTORS AND STAFFS OF AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND AND PACIFIC ISLAND AFFAIRS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE KIND OF CLOSE, COLLABORATIVE, TWO-WAY RELATIONSHIP WHICH IS AT THE HEART OF THE COUNTRY DIRECTORATE CONCEPT AND URGE THAT EACH OF THE NEWLY ASSIGNED PERSONNEL VISIT WELLINGTON AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN THEIR TOURS OF DUTY.

2. WE HESITATE TO BEGIN OUR NEW RELATIONSHIP BY BURDENING YOU WITH REQUESTS FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION. HOWEVER, BECAUSE CONTINUITY HAS BEEN BROKEN BY AN ALMOST COMPLETE TURN-OVER OF PERSONNEL AND BECAUSE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PRIORITY REQUESTS OUTSTANDING, WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR CALLING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO YOUR ATTENTION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT ACTION IS TAKEN BY THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICES AND AGENCIES. THEY ARE LISTED BELOW IN A ROUGH PRIORITY ORDER. A REPORT TO THE EMBASSY BY YOUR DIRECTORATES ON THE STATUS OF THESE

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REQUESTS WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.

A) TRANSIT CIRCLE FACILITY, WLG. 03467, 7/5/78; WLG 03281, 6/22/78; WLG 03093, 6/14/78; WLG 03015, 6/9/78;

B) VISIT OF ATTY. GEN. BELL TO NZ, WLG 03415, 6/30/78;

C) CLEARANCE OF MANUSCRIPT FOR PUBLICATION, WLG. 03371,

6/28/78;

D) TONGAN BANK OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC: JOHN H. MEIER,
WLG. 03347, 6/27/78;

E) INQUIRY REGARDING ROLE OF U.S. MILITARY IN INDO-
NESIA, WLG. 03322, 6/26/78;

F) COOK ISLANDS ILLICIT PAYMENTS INVESTIGATION,
WLG 03000, 6/9/78; WLG 02831, 5/31/78; WLG 02767,
5/25/78; WLG 0168 , 4/14/78;

G) NEW ZEALAND TAX LAW STUDY, WLG 03051, 6/12/78;
WLG 02323, 5/5/78; WLG 00091, 1/9/78;

H) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, CRIMINAL ENTERPRISES STATUS,
WLG 03278, 6/22/78;

I) TRAINING IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESEARCH AND
TECHNIQUES, WLG 03221, 6/21/78;

J) LETTER HEALY TO MALMBORG (L/M), 3/23/78, REGARDING
AN MFA REQUEST FOR LISTS OF MISSION STAFF MEMBERS AND
SERVANTS;

() AMBASSADOR'S BIENNIAL VISIT TO WESTERN SAMOA,
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WLG 02483, 5/10/78 (AVIATION QUESTIONS);

L) ANSWERABILITY OF USN SHIP CAPTAINS TO WRITS WHILE IN
NZ PORTS, 76 WELLINGTON 3846, 10/15/76;

M) U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: NEW ZEALAND, WESTERN
SAMOA, TONGA, WLG. 01035, 3/1/78;

N) IMPLEMENTATION OF ARMS TRANSFER POLICY GUIDELINES,
77 WLG. 05727, 12/14/77.

3. THE EMBASSY ALSO NEEDS ASSISTANCE ON TWO OTHER SUB-
JECTS. TO BRIEF ISLAND GOVERNMENT LEADERS ON THE OUTCOME
OF THIS YEAR'S ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING (FOR BACKGROUND,
SEE 77 WLG. 04228, 9/19/77), IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU
COULD FORWARD ASAP THE REPORT OF THE U.S. DELEGATION
REQUIRED BY 11 FAM 644.1 AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHICH
WE CAN SHARE WITH THEM BEYOND THE COMMUNIQUE. SECONDLY,
WE WERE ASKED BY THE GNZ DURING THE MONDALE VISIT SIDE-
TALKS ABOUT RESUMPTION OF THE PERIODIC ANZUS OFFICIALS

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MEETINGS. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT WHICH COUNTRY
IS TO HOST THE NEXT MEETING AND WHEN AND WHERE IT MIGHT
BE HELD. ABRAMOWITZ AND ARMACOST SUGGESTED HONOLULU
AS A VENUE, IF IT IS THE USG'S TURN TO HOST THE
MEETING. A SUBSEQUENT CHECK OF INCOMPLETE RECORDS HERE
SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT AUSTRALIA IS NEXT TO HOST THE
MEETING, SINCE THE LAST OFFICIALS MEETINGS APPEAR TO
HAVE OCCURRED IN DECEMBER 1974 IN WASHINGTON AND
FEBRUARY 1976 IN WELLINGTON. WOULD YOU CONFIRM THAT
THIS IS CORRECT AND GIVE US THE COORDINATED POSITION
OF DOD, NSC, AND THE DEPARTMENT ON THE QUESTION OF
RESUMPTION OF THE MEETINGS?
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